

REMARKS

The Examiner's Office Action of June 18, 2003 has been received and its contents reviewed. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the consideration given to the above-identified application, and for indicating that claims 3 and 4 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 1-3, and 4-7 were pending prior to this amendment. Claims 5-7 have been withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, claim 1 has been canceled, and claims 3 and 4 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 3 and 4 are pending for consideration, of which claims 3 and 4 are independent.

Referring now to the detailed Office Action, the disclosure is objected to as containing various informalities. For example, replacement paragraph to page 24 should be written as "7, 8, 9, 10A-10D, 11A-11D, 12A-12D, 13A-13C, 14A-14C" instead of "7 to 14C". In response, Applicants have amended page 24, as shown above, even there is no requirement found in the MPEP to conform to the style of writing of Examiner.

With respect to the Examiner's suggestion to amend "blocking first" and "blocking third" in page 25, lines 5 and 12 to "first blocking" and "third blocking", Applicants respectfully submit that the specification should be read as "a dc-blocking first capacitor" and "a dc-blocking third capacitor" because a function of these capacitors is for blocking dc component. Hence, following the Examiner's suggestion to amend the specification would not have the intended meaning.

With respect to the Examiner's objection that the figures should be correspondingly described in the specification, Applicants respectfully note that the Figures are indeed fully correspondingly described in the specification. Note, however, that when an element has been previously described in another figure and the same element is shown again in another figure, it is not necessary for the sake of brevity and clarity to repeat its description. For example, elements 13 in Fig. 3A are already described with respect to Fig. 1 as a dielectric layer 13, and element 22 in Fig. 3A is already described as a second resist film 22 in Fig. 2C.

With respect to the use of trademark, e.g., DUROID and TEFLON, Applicants respectfully submit that capitalization is used, such as shown in previous amendment in, e.g., page 14, paragraph 3 continuing onto page 15 of the specification.

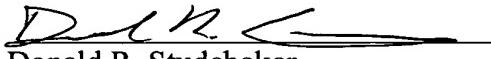
In relation to the objection to Figs. 1, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 4, 5B, 6A, 6B, 9, 10A-10D, 11A-11D, 12A-12D, 13A-13C and 14A-14C, as proper cross-hatching for all dielectric material should be provided, Applicants again respectfully submit that MPEP 608.02 does not specify a specific cross-hatching for dielectrics. The Examiner proposes using the cross-hatching designation for "section of synthetic resin or plastic" to denote dielectric. However, Applicants respectfully submit that, since dielectric is an insulator and could be a material beside synthetic resin or plastic, following the Examiner's suggest would not be appropriate. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request the Examiner to clarify the objection to the drawings again or to withdraw the outstanding objection. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Nakajima in view of Tozawa or Shigaki (all of record). In response to the rejection and in the interest of expediting the allowance of this case, Applicants have canceled claim 1 and incorporate all the features of claim 1 into claims 3 and 4 without traversing the rejection. In other words, claims 3 and 4 have been amended to be independent claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue patent protection for the subject matter in the canceled claims.

In view of the arguments set forth above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending rejections and objection.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise, which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

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